

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification, making reference to paragraph numbers in the published application:

Before [0001], insert:

Background of the Invention

[0001] The invention is a string shaped device ~~as per claim 1~~, preferably for use as a cable for the transfer of communication signals, control signals, power, or for heat sensing.

Between [0002] and [0003]:

~~BACKGROUND~~ Description of Related Art

Between [0014] and [0015]:

~~OBJECT~~ Summary of the Invention

Between [0023] and [0024], delete: THE INVENTION.

[0024] The invention is directed to a string device having a passive structural core element formed of an electrically insulating material and which is of generally cylindrical or polygonal cross section, and at least two active longitudinal elements, each of the elements being capable of transferring at least one of an electrical signal, an optical signal, a pneumatic signal and electrical power. ~~described by claim 1. Further primary and subsequent features of the invention are described by the other claims. The linear, active performing element may be one or more conductors positioned in linear slits in the core element, as the conductors are accessible from the outer surface of the core.~~

Between [0041] and [0042]:

~~EXAMPLE~~ Brief Description of the Drawings

Between [0047] and [0048], insert:

Description of the Preferred Embodiments

**IN THE DRAWINGS:**

Please replace the drawing sheet as filed with the Replacement Sheet attached hereto.

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